

SECRET

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

OGC 731436  
Executive Registry

73-5888/2

LRH/JSW/RHL

8 OCT 1973

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: The Attorney General, FBI Director Clarence Kelley, Assistant Attorney General Ruckleshaus, Mr. J. T. Smith, Assistant to the Attorney General and W. E. Colby

1. The Attorney General very kindly invited me to lunch to launch my relationship with Mr. Kelley. After some general conversation, I stated that I look forward to a very close relationship with the FBI. I said that there are new people in various positions and that this gives an opportunity to look at the relationships between our organizations and set them up as they should be for the problems of today and tomorrow, independent of whatever problems may have existed in the past. I said that my interest is foreign intelligence only, for legal and political reasons, but that there is a fertile field in America for the collection of foreign intelligence and that I wish to work closely with the FBI in exploiting it.

25X1C

I proposed for their consideration a joint approach to these problems, with the FBI a full partner in what might be a joint task force approach to these operations.

2. My statement caught Mr. Kelley a bit aback. He said it was his understanding that the relationship between our organizations is very good except that sometimes we did not follow the agreement.

25X1C

I agreed that the working relationships are satisfactory but that I was looking toward a more energetic collaboration. I confessed that there may have been occasions on which we omitted to check out individual cases and that I wish to avoid this in the future by the joint task force concept I outlined. Both the Attorney General and Director Kelley expressed some puzzlement, and even some resistance, at the joint task force concept. This was mainly based on what was obviously a preoccupation in

25X1

25X1

OGC SUBJ: LIAISON-GOVERNMENTAL

FBI review(s) completed For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

SECRET

SECRET

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

- 2 -

their minds with the importance of encouraging a sense of team spirit and institutional loyalty in an organization (read: the FBI) and the benefits that come from such institutional loyalty which should not be lightly discarded. I indicated some sympathy with this but my belief that suspicions between institutions can best be overcome by wrestling together with real problems rather than conducting arms-length liaison. Director Kelley cut through this problem by indicating his thorough satisfaction with the current level of contact but his willingness to expand it throughout the FBI structure. He commented that in his 20 years with the FBI he had never met a CIA officer. I said that I thought he had answered my question completely with his reference to regular and frequent liaison at the working levels. I stated I would like to invite him, his Deputy, Mr. Callahan, and any other appropriate FBI personnel to visit us one day, at which time I would present a number of our officers to him and establish the basis for continuing free-working exchanges. I commented that we may have failed to advise the FBI in the past on various things but that I would certainly correct this in the future. I commented that I would encourage the development of multiple contacts between the FBI and our own people rather than channeling contacts through a single liaison element.

3. It became apparent to me at this point that perhaps the two ends of the conversation were talking about something different. Mr. Kelley's approach seemed to be one of permissively allowing us to conduct our operations so long as we check them with the FBI. Some of my approach assumed that the FBI should be involved with us in these operations. I then made clear that I expect to take full responsibility and initiative for such cases myself and only look to the FBI to inform them of our activity along these lines so that we did not conduct independent activities, get in each other's way, etc.

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

SECRET

**SECRET**

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

-3-

4. With respect to technology, I indicated our considerable talents in this regard, which the Attorney General vigorously reinforced. I stated that I would be very happy to expose these for Mr. Kelley's consideration so long as we were in no way involved in domestic activities against our statutory limitations. However, I thought there were many respects in which we could point the FBI in the right direction to make their own acquisitions for domestic activities if they wished. The Attorney General reinforced every element of this and said that this would be well worth the FBI's attention due to the extensive progress which had been made by the Agency in this field. I promised Mr. Kelley a full look at this possibility when he came out here.

5. The Attorney General expressed some question as to the value of the FBI overseas representatives. I said they give us no problem whatsoever and that I thought their focus was on liaison with foreign police, which we were delighted to see them take care of. The Attorney General mentioned something about receiving intelligence from these sources and wanted to know whether we received it and what our evaluation was. I said I believed that we received a few items but not very much. The Attorney General raised the question in terms of resources, whether the contribution received from these overseas FBI reps warranted the costs involved, commenting that mere police liaison does not. I did not answer this directly, but I imagine we will hear some questions on this topic in the future. Perhaps the best interim step is to cover this matter in discussions with the FBI at a later date.

25X1D

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

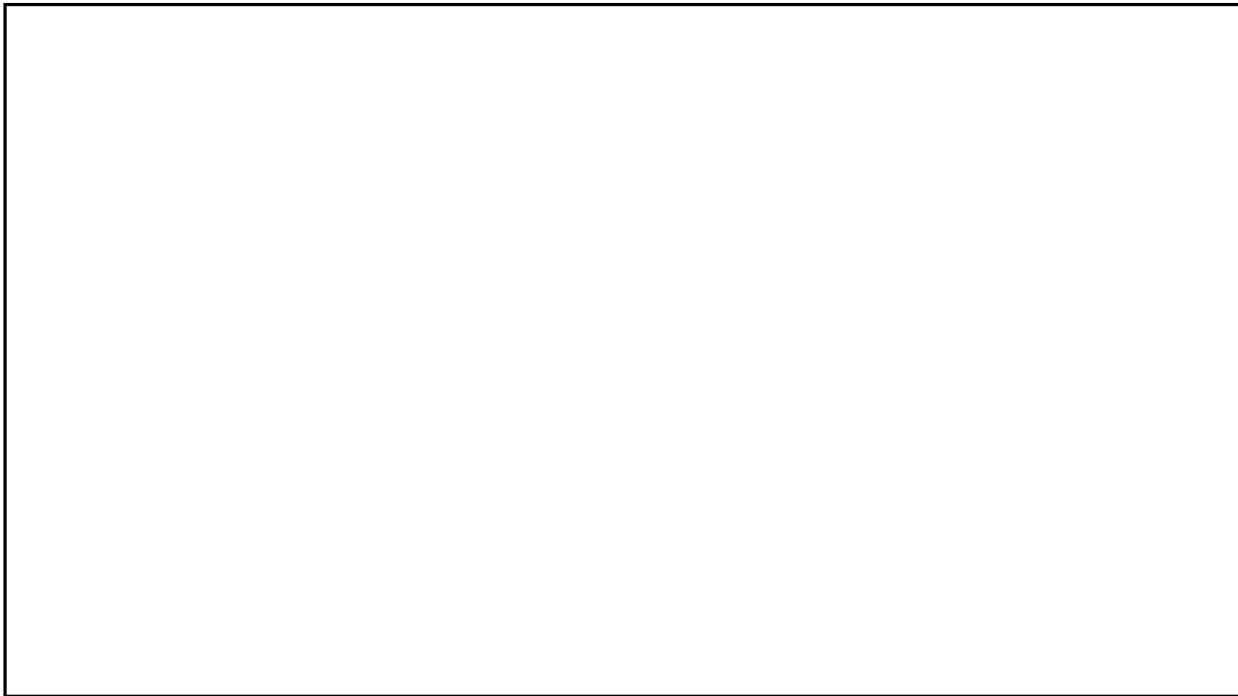
**SECRET**

SECRET

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

- 4 -

25X1D



8. The meeting broke up with my reiteration of my intention to establish a close and friendly working relationship. In order to start this, I said I would like to invite Mr. Kelley and several others to lunch in the near future. Could we arrange such an occasion shortly [redacted] 25X1

I would envisage a rather large group with a buffet or similar lunch in the DCI Conference Room, attended on our side by DDCI; DDS&T; DDO; DDM&S; General Counsel; Director, OTS; Chief, [redacted] Chief, [redacted] Director of Security; [redacted] Director of Training, 25X1A 25X1A

and any others who might be appropriate. On the FBI side, I would think in terms of Mr. Kelley, Mr. Callahan, the USIB rep, the Director of the Internal Security Division, and any others best identified by the FBI through [redacted] liaison contacts. After the lunch, I would hope that DDO might brief on [redacted] activities [redacted], DDS&T cover OTS potential, with a few items to display. In the course of these briefings, we should table our recommendations for contact 25X1A

STAT

25X1A

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

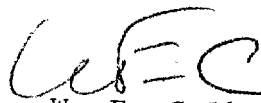
SECRET

**SECRET**

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

- 5 -

arrangements with the FBI, with a strong emphasis on direct working-level contacts with a central liaison point kept informed but not necessarily used as a channel. This should be supplemented by an arrangement for high-level and highly compartmented contact on highly sensitive activities, which would not be revealed more broadly within CIA or within the FBI. Action: DDO.

  
W. E. Colby  
Director

WEC:blp/jlp

Distribution:

Original - DCI  
1 - DDCI  
1 - DDO  
1 - DDI  
1 - DDS&T  
1 - DDM&S  
1 - D/DCI/IC  
1 - OGC  
1 - ER

Approved For Release 2007/03/06 : CIA-RDP75-00793R000300160028-0

**SECRET**

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION TOP AND BOTTOM			
UNCLASSIFIED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	
OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP			
TO	NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE	INITIALS
1	OGC	10/12/73	
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
ACTION		DIRECT REPLY	PREPARE REPLY
APPROVAL		DISPATCH	RECOMMENDATION
COMMENT		FILE	RETURN
CONCURRENCE		INFORMATION	SIGNATURE
<b>Remarks:</b>  <div style="text-align: right; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">             JSW              very interesting              JH              10/12/73           </div>			
FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER			
FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.			DATE
DCI			12 Oct 73
UNCLASSIFIED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	

FORM NO. 1-67

237

Use previous editions

(40)